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SUBJECT: EXTENSION OF U.S.-AUSTRALIA SCIENTIFIC AND
TECHNICAL COOPERATION AGREEMENT

REFS: 1. STATE 138690

2. CANBERRA 3655

1. DEPARTMENT SUGGESTS S AND T AGREEMENT BE EXTENDED BY
EXCHANGE OF NOTES TO BE INITIALED BY PRIME MINISTER
WHITLAM, AS MINISTER OF STATE FOR EXTERNAL AFFAIRS, AND
SECRETARY ROGERS. ACTION WOULD BE INITIATED BY FOLLOWING
NOTE FROM THE SECRETARY TO WHITLAM.

" EXCELLENCY:

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I HAVE THE HONOR TO REFER TO RECENT DISCUSSIONS

BETWEEN THE REPRESENTATIVES OF OUR TWO GOVERNMENTS CONCERNING THE "AGREEMENT RELATING TO SCIENTIFIC AND TECHNICAL COOPERATION BETWEEN THE GOVERNMENT OF THE COMMONWEALTH OF AUSTRALIA AND THE GOVERNMENT OF THE UNITED STATES OF AMERICA" SIGNED AT CANBERRA OCTOBER 16, 1968.

IN THE LIGHT OF THE CONTINUING, MUTUALLY BENEFICIAL COOPERATIVE ACTIVITIES UNDER THIS AGREEMENT, I HAVE THE HONOR TO PROPOSE THAT THE AGREEMENT BE EXTENDED UNTIL

OCTOBER 16, 1978, UNLESS EXTENDED FURTHER BY AGREEMENT BETWEEN OUR TWO GOVERNMENTS.

IF THE FOREGOING PROPOSAL IS ACCEPTABLE TO YOUR EXCELLENCY'S GOVERNMENT, I HAVE THE HONOR TO PROPOSE FURTHER THAT YOUR EXCELLENCY'S REPLY NOTE TO THAT EFFECT AND THIS NOTE SHALL CONSTITUTE AN AGREEMENT BETWEEN OUR TWO GOVERNMENTS WHICH SHALL ENTER INTO FORCE ON THE DATE OF YOUR EXCELLENCY'S REPLY.

ACCEPT, EXCELLENCY, THE ASSURANCES OF MY HIGHEST CONSIDERATION."

2. PROPOSED REPLY FROM WHITLAM TO SECRETARY FOLLOWS:

"EXCELLENCY:

I HAVE THE HONOR TO REFER TO YOUR EXCELLENCY'S NOTE OF TODAY'S DATE CONCERNING THE "AGREEMENT RELATING TO SCIENTIFIC AND TECHNICAL COOPERATION BETWEEN THE GOVERNMENT OF THE UNITED STATES OF AMERICA AND THE GOVERNMENT OF THE COMMONWEALTH OF AUSTRALIA" SIGNED AT CANBERRA OCTOBER 16, 1968.

I HAVE THE HONOR TO STATE THAT THE PROPOSALS CONTAINED IN YOUR EXCELLENCY'S NOTE ARE ACCEPTABLE TO MY GOVERNMENT AND MY GOVERNMENT WILL REGARD YOUR EXCELLENCY'S NOTE AND THIS REPLY AS CONSTITUTING AN AGREEMENT BETWEEN OUR TWO GOVERNMENTS WHICH SHALL ENTER INTO FORCE ON THE LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

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DATE OF THIS REPLY.

ACCEPT, EXCELLENCY, THE RENEWED ASSURANCES OF MY HIGHEST CONSIDERATION."

3. ASSUMING GOA RESPONDED AFFIRMATIVELY TO APPROACH AUTHORIZED IN REFTTEL 1, REQUEST EMBASSY SEEK GOA VIEWS ON PROPOSED METHOD OF EXTENDING AGREEMENT AND ON

PROPOSED TEXT OF NOTES. RUSH

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